(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) There is no such provision at present for reservations within reservation.

(b) Does not arise.

High Level Committee of Experts on the Pricing of Irrigation Water

@1754. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the final report of high level committee of experts on the pricing of irrigation water was submitted to Government on 14th September, 1992.

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the committee; and

(c) by when Government are going to implement the said recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The Vaidyanathan Committee was an internal Group set up by the Planning Commission in October, 1991 to study the pricing of irrigation water. The Committee submitted its report in September, 1992.

(b) Some salient features of the report include : treating water rates as users charge; the objective of water charge is ultimately to recover cost; linking revision of water rates to the improvement of the quality of service; revision and implementation of water rates in phases; consolidation of the system of farmer group management; upgrading the system to higher level efficiency in water uses and of productivity; setting up of experts' group at the State level for working out norms and procedure for periodic monitoring; setting up of autonomous boards at the State level to review policy regarding cost of water and for revising water rates and introducing a minimum financial return criteria.

(c) 'Irrigation' being a State subject, decisions on water rates can be taken only in consultation with the State Governments/and the Administrations of Union Territories.

Enhancing Cross Domestic Product

1755. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the Gross Domestic Product growth rate during 1991-92; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to enhance the GDP growth rate during the coming year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The estimates of Gross Domestic Product for 1991-92 are not yet available. These are expected to be released by the Central Statistical Organisation in January, 1993. However, as per a preliminary study in the Reserve Bank of India, published in RBI Bulletin, October, 1992 (supplement), the real GDP growth in 1991-92 is expected to be less than 2.0%.

(b) The Government have been implementing development plans for increasing the growth rate. These plans include investment in development of Agriculture, Industry, Infrastructure, Irrigation, Rural Development, Education, Health etc. In 1992-93 central plan outlay is Rs. 48407.00 crores.

@Previously Unstarred Question 944, transferred from 27th November, 1992.